

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO WITHDRAW THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
6 UNITED STATES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SO THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY MAINTAIN CONTROL
7 OVER ITS OWN MILITARY FORCES, FINANCES, AND DESTINY.

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9 WHEREAS, the United States is the greatest nation in the world and is known for its compassionate
10 people who are generous and kind in caring for the needs of those in other countries and whose resources are
11 used worldwide to alleviate hunger and poverty; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States is called upon to defend the rights and freedoms of people in other nations
13 as only we have the capacity to do so as a world superpower; and

14 WHEREAS, these responsibilities create an immense burden on the citizens of this country, many of
15 whom are in need and living in poverty themselves; and

16 WHEREAS, United States military forces are called upon to bear the brunt of any conflicts that may arise
17 while other nations stay on the sidelines and expect the United States to fight their battles; and

18 WHEREAS, according to a United Nations (UN) Membership Assessment Report for 2009, the United
19 States paid UN membership dues of \$62,302,548 or approximately 22% of the UN annual budget for 2010, once
20 again demonstrating that the United States provides the largest share of UN financing, paying millions and
21 millions of dollars each year that could be used to address many of America's challenges, including
22 homelessness, education, law enforcement, poverty, a strong military, and the war against terrorism; and

23 WHEREAS, the UN supports dozens of specialized agencies, programs, funds, committees,
24 commissions, tribunals, working groups, and organizations, all of which require funding but not all of which
25 operate in the best interests of the United States; and

26 WHEREAS, some UN programs, such as the Iraqi Oil-for-Food program and the United Nations
27 Development Program in South Korea, have operated with poor oversight or fiscal controls, or in a corrupt
28 fashion, squandering millions of dollars in UN-run programs, for which the UN has been less than candid in its
29 disclosure of the facts; and

30 WHEREAS, the operations of some UN agencies, such as the Human Rights Council, are controlled by

1 nations not altogether friendly to the United States for their own purposes, yet the United States is required by
2 virtue of its membership in the UN to support those organizations with tax dollars that could be better used in the
3 United States for such programs as infrastructure repair, tax relief, or humanitarian programs; and

4 WHEREAS, the UN has supported the creation of an international tax organization that would levy taxes
5 on such things as international currency transactions or on fossil fuel consumption in order to answer the
6 perceived needs of the UN for adequate funding of its worldwide programs, a taxing effort that would not be
7 subject to the control of the United States taxpayers' elected representatives in Congress.

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9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 STATE OF MONTANA:

11 That the Congress of the United States is urged to take measures necessary to dissolve the membership
12 of the United States in the United Nations, thereby freeing the United States from a large financial burden and
13 retaining its sovereignty to decide what is best for the country and the steps it considers appropriate as the leader
14 of the free world, with full control of its own armed forces, finances, and destiny.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader of the United
16 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Montana
17 Congressional Delegation.

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